

CHICAGO REGIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 2nd, 2010
Madden Mental Health Center
1200 South 1st Ave. Hines, IL

Staff Pat Betzen opened the meeting of the Chicago Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) at 5:11 p.m. The meeting was held at Madden Mental Health Center, Hines, IL.

Members Present: Jill Quinto, Deanne Medina, Pat Mencinkas, and Edith Bukwa.

Members Absent: Katherine Dunford, Lana Peck, Danielle Garland, and Elizabeth Vitell.

Staff Present: Pat Betzen

Guests: Pat Parker. Ms. Parker is interested in becoming an HRA member and attended the meeting to meet HRA members and observe a meeting.

Staff Pat Betzen noted that a quorum was not present. Votes will be obtained through electronic mail and all actions ratified at the March meeting of the HRA. Pat read the confidentiality statement.

Approval of December 22nd, 2009 Minutes: Deanne made a motion to approve the December 22nd, 2009 minutes; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

Communications: Pat Betzen reported that Ray Hemphill has resigned due to family responsibilities. Jill Quinto was elected acting Chairperson until the June elections. Edith Bukwa has been voted the acting Secretary during Elizabeth's leave of absence. HRA member, Pat Mencinkas contacted Pat Betzen, and requested that she remain on the HRA as she has now resolved the problem that caused her past absences.

NEW BUSINESS

New Complaints:

#10-030-9016 This complaint was heard at the last meeting but the complainant requested that we consider it again after she submitted a new statement of complaint and presented her case at the HRA meeting. Since she has not submitted a new complaint and did not attend the meeting, the vote will stand until we receive new or further information and we will then consider for re-opening.

Deanne made a motion to go into closed session at 5:29 p.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act to discuss reports and other matters which could not be discussed without revealing confidential information. The motion was seconded and carried.

The HRA returned to open session at 5:45 p.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of the closed session included progress reports on open cases, discussion of the report for case #10-030-9001 Swedish Covenant Hospital and case closure for #09-030-9017 Loretto and #09-030-9019 Chicago Lakeshore.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ratifications: None

Report of Findings:

#09-030-9001 Swedish Covenant Hospital. The HRA reviewed the report and Deanne moved to issue the report without revisions or additions. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

Case Closures:

#09-030-9017 Loretto. Deanne moved to close the case and make the report part of the public record. It was properly seconded and carried.

#09-030-9019 Chicago Lakeshore. The case closure has been postponed until the next meeting at the request of the provider.

Case Status Reports:

#10-030-9002- Madden. The site visit was held on January 28, 2009. The HRA feels that there were a number of serious issues brought out in the investigation that were not addressed at the site visit and that the provider did not give proper consideration to the investigation. The HRA is requesting another site visit with two additional HRA members. The members will be given time to review the record before the date is set.

Elections The HRA voted to have Jill Quinto act as chairperson until the June elections and Edith Bukwa as secretary until Elizabeth returns.

Announcements and Comments: The next meeting of the Chicago Regional Human Rights Authority is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at Madden Mental Health Center.

Adjournment: The HRA agreed to adjourn at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Vitell, Secretary